

newsletter, band, chorus, orchestra, and debate team. In 1939, Jay was accepted to the University of Utah. He worked part-time for the Bamberger/Utah Central Railroad, completing office work and loading cars, and as a stone mason helper, building flagstone fireplaces and barbeque pits. Before finishing his degree, Jay served a mission for the LDS Church in the Texas-Louisiana Mission, for 2 years. After returning, he went back to the University of Utah and graduated in 1946 with a teaching degree and a major in geology. The following year, Jay moved to Las Vegas and accepted a position as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at the Fifth Street School for \$2,600 per year. In December 1948, he married June Mac Farlane. The couple has 3 sons, 2 daughters, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

With the desire to further his own education, Jay entered a master's program at the University of Utah, and continued to teach full-time. At this time, he helped consolidate 13 individual school districts into the Clark County School District. In 1953, He received his master's degree in administration from the University of Utah and in the same year, he was appointed principal at the Washington School in North Las Vegas. Also in that year, he became one of four original instructors at UNLV, teaching geology and geography part-time, from 1953 to 1971.

The new Twin Lakes elementary School opened in 1955 with Jay as principal. The seventh and eighth grades were still in the elementary schools so Jay developed and implemented new programs for those grades by departmentalizing subjects and instituting interschool athletic competitions. With Jay's support, the district's first elementary string music program was held there. In 1964, at a time when large numbers of Hispanic pupils were moving to Las Vegas Jay became principal of John S. Park Elementary School. He helped establish the "English as a Second Language" program with a philosophy that students needed to develop and maintain proficiency in basic reading and writing skills, along with learning to speak English. His final assignment was principal at Lincoln Elementary School in North Las Vegas. After 30 years of teaching, Jay retired in September of 1977. In addition to his contributions in education, Jay was a cofounder of the Clark County Teachers Federal Credit Union, now Silver State Schools Credit Union. He also worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 23 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Jay W. Jeffers. His career and life have been dedicated to the education of youth of Clark County. Thousands of current and former residents of Clark County cite his influence as a factor in their success in life. I thank him for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 42 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 190, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO MARY HARVELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Harvell.

Mary Harvell is a pillar in our community who has tirelessly served on our behalf for many years. She was born in the small town of Glenville, Georgia. She is the seventeenth child out of eighteen born to Wilbert and Leressie Brown. As a young girl, Mary dreamed about migrating to New York City. Fortunately, she got her wish and relocated to the "Big Apple" as a young child. She attended public schools in Bedford-Stuyvesant and went on to attend Midwood High School and Brooklyn College where she majored in Sociology.

While studying at Brooklyn College she met and later married Charlie Harvell. From their illustrious union three beautiful children were produced. Today, she is a happy grandmother of five. Mary is also committed and deeply connected to her spiritual family, including her brother, the Bishop Harry Brown of Brunswick, Georgia. She is a member of the New Jerusalem Holy Church of Brooklyn, New York, where the Pastor Lester Charles Smith presides. Mary is very active in her church and has served in various capacities including the Book Ministry, as a Bible Study teacher, and as a member of the Hospitality Committee. Likewise, she also volunteers at the Annual Church Health Fair, which serves the East New York community and assists with the Church Food Pantry, which feeds the community spiritually and physically.

Mary strongly believes that our seniors are the pillars of the community and visits several senior citizen homes and also assists with the transportation of seniors at her church. Additionally, this busy lady volunteers for Assemblyman Darryl Towns. What is so amazing is that Mary makes the time to volunteer all while being employed at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. At Interfaith, she serves as the Secretary in the Purchasing Department where she processes orders from sales representatives, prepares the Purchasing Department payroll, and oversees the ordering of office supplies for the entire medical center. Mary has worked at Interfaith for 34 years, which affords her the opportunity to fulfill her personal mission: "If I can help somebody, then my living will not be in vain."

Mr. Speaker, Mary Harvell has helped many people and we duly note that hers is a life well lived and that we appreciate all that she does for our community. She has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment to our community that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING BOBBY CLARK FOR HIS EFFORTS TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, there are many heroes who have worked countless hours to

help victims of hurricanes recover. Mr. Bobby Clark is one of these heroes.

Bobby, along with his wife Lori and children, Danielle, Joe, and Jack, have a history of helping hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast. Following Hurricane Ivan in 2004, Bobby cleared roads of fallen trees, removed trees from his neighbors' homes or from driveways, and delivered supplies and food to victims.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Bobby along with his business partner Pat Achee traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi, to deliver supplies and check on family and friends. Soon after their arrival in Gulfport, they learned St. James Baptist Church was feeding about 300 people a day and sheltering dozens in its sanctuary. The two raised money to provide a generator for the sanctuary, and they also filled an 18-wheeler with food and supplies donated by the city of Fairhope.

Bobby's work at the church led him to meet Cleavon and Corrine Robinson, an elderly couple without home insurance. The couple's home was almost completely destroyed by a fallen tree. Bobby met with Bob Chatham of Chatham Home Planning, who drew up a house plan for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Bobby then organized volunteers from the community to build the Robinson's new home in seven days. He developed a schedule and had volunteers working from dawn to dark, and the 864 square-foot house was actually completed in 6½ days!

This was the beginning of the nonprofit "We Care" of Baldwin County, whose mission is to repair or rebuild homes for people in need. The goal for 2006 is to build 15 homes. The residents and businesses throughout Mobile and Baldwin counties have also responded to Bobby's call, donating everything from the building supplies, to the furniture, to the landscaping, and even the lighting.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Bobby Clark for his selfless commitment to helping his community and inspiring others to do the same. His story serves as an inspiration not only to those of us who live across the Gulf Coast but also to people across the country. We need more people like Bobby Clark in this world—a true hero to those most in need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed five votes on March 15, 2006. I stayed in New Jersey to be with a family member who was undergoing surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted no on Ordering the Previous Question (with regard to H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes); no on H. Res. 725 (the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4939); yes on H. Con. Res. 190 (Expressing the sense of Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards); no on the Gilchrest Amendment (which strikes language in the

H.R. 4939 that would block the Dubai Port World deal); and yes on H.R. 4944 (To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes).

HONORING WESLEY JON NYKAMP
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE 20TH CIRCUIT COURT OF
MICHIGAN

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Wesley J. Nykamp upon his retirement from the 20th Circuit Court of Michigan.

The Honorable Wesley J. Nykamp is worthy of recognition for his many years of dedicated public service to the people of Ottawa County as a judge and county prosecutor.

Judge Nykamp was awarded the Scholarship Key of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity for Excellence in Scholarship in 1967 while attaining his law degree from Wayne State University Law School.

He joined the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office as Chief Assistant Prosecutor on January 1, 1975, and was elected to serve as judge in 1990. He oversaw the remodeling of the circuit court and the establishment of the Family Court during his tenure, and as Chief Judge of the Circuit Court he designated himself to serve as one of the Family Court judges.

Judge Nykamp is well-respected and held in the highest regard among those in the Michigan court system. His interest in the people of Ottawa County and in upholding justice in the legal system is a trait to be admired. He will be missed in the courtroom.

Mr. Speaker, please let it be known that on this 16th day of March in 2006, that the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledges the contributions and achievements of Judge Nykamp and wishes him well upon his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JO SIMPSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jo Simpson for 30 years of public service, who will retire on March 31 after 9 years in Nevada.

Jo began working for the Federal Government in 1976, as a public affairs specialist in the Washington headquarters public affairs offices for the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 1994, she moved to the Bureau of Land Management, first working as public affairs officer for the California Desert District. There she distinguished herself as a dedicated public servant and exceptional citizen. In August of 1997, Jo served as the BLM's Chief for the Office of Communications in Nevada. In this role, Jo not only assured that key information was

made readily available to the public regarding their public lands but more importantly, she served as the catalyst for assuring that public land stakeholders had a voice in how their public lands were managed.

Jo has been instrumental in directing the work of the BLM's three Resource Advisory Councils in Nevada. These councils are made up of 45 individuals representing the diverse interest of public land stakeholders from throughout the state. This amount of citizen involvement set the tone for improved working relationship between Federal land management agencies and all Nevadans. She appeared numerous times before local county commissions and the State of Nevada's legislative Council on Public Lands to apprise them of public land proposals and to solicit their vital input. This is extremely important in a state where 87 percent of the land base is managed by the Federal Government.

Jo and her staff helped members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation and local governments during the development of precedent-setting land bills and her assistance proved extremely beneficial in gaining the support of key officials within the Department of the Interior for legislative initiatives affecting public lands in Nevada.

In the course of performing her duties, Jo earned the respect of countless people, for her integrity and sincerity. Her deeds represent what is good, righteous, and admirable in public service. For that, the state of Nevada is grateful for her exemplary service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Jo Simpson on the floor of the House today. I thank her for her service and wish her well in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during roll call Vote No. 44 on H.R. 4944, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO AUDREY MARIE
BAKER JACKSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Audrey Marie Baker Jackson, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. I am honored to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Audrey Marie Baker Jackson was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, as one of twin daughters of Marie and Henry Baker. Ms. Baker Jackson is a distinguished product of the New York City public school system. Upon graduation from Eastern District High School, Ms. Baker Jackson won a National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship in Chinese to study at Columbia University. Proving her vast

knowledge of foreign languages, Ms. Baker Jackson graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in linguistics and a minor in Chinese from Queens College (CUNY). She also earned a Masters in Science in Educational Administration and Supervision from Pace University. While at Pace, Ms. Baker Jackson was recommended and accepted to Phi Delta Kappa.

Upon graduation, Ms. Baker Jackson became a Special Education teacher and worked in various administration capacities in District 75 (Special Education). In 1999, she joined District 8, located in the Bronx, as Director of Pupil Personnel. Ultimately, Ms. Baker Jackson was named principal of the School for Theater, Arts, and Research (STAR) Academy in Hunts Point.

Ms. Baker Jackson retired in 2003, but has remained an advocate for the education of children and assists parents in obtaining resources and services for their children. Since retirement, Ms. Baker Jackson has worked as an adjunct professor at City College (CUNY) teaching an introductory Special Education graduate course. She is also creating a consulting company that will assist educational publishing companies in their evaluation of education software and Web-based learning materials.

Audrey Baker Jackson has been a loyal and devoted patron of our community. She has worked diligently to improve special education resources. Her passionate and sensitive character deserves our thanks and for that I ask that we applaud Ms. Baker Jackson's outstanding achievements in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Audrey Baker Jackson, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Audrey Baker Jackson's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Audrey Baker Jackson for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

PROTECTING IMPACT AID FOR
NORTH SUBURBAN SCHOOLS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to ensure the federal government fulfills an important obligation to the families of servicemen and women in my district. In 1950, Congress established the Impact Aid program to assist school districts and communities that lose their property tax base because of the presence of the federal government. Though the program was fully-funded between 1950 and 1969, funding levels in more recent years have not kept pace with the amount required. I am happy that my Illinois Senators are introducing a companion bill to the same effect.

Due to a unique housing situation for the Great Lakes Naval Training Facility, Impact Aid funding should be higher in five of my school districts. This Naval base is located in North Chicago, one of the poorest school districts in my state. However, some service